Whitaker Institute of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan 2020 Celebration

Evening Prayer and Graduate Recognition Program The Feast of St. Columba (observed) June 10, 2020 7:00pm

(Online in a time of pandemic)

Please mute your microphone until you are asked to unmute. Thank you.





Opening Sentences

Officiant: Yours is the day, O God, yours also the night; you established the moon and the sun. You fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter. Psalm 74:15-16

Jesus said, "I am the light of the work; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

John 8:12





The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!





Phos hilaron

O gracious Light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.





Phos hilaron

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of life, and to be glorified through all the worlds





Psalmist

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.
- With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.
- The LORD has made known his victory; *
 his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of
 the nations.





People

Sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord a new song!





Psalmist

- He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.





Psalmist

- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the LORD.





People

Sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord a new song!





Psalmist

- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.





10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.
Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.





People

Sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord a new song!





No one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done.





If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward. If the work is burned, the builder will suffer loss; the builder will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple.





Do not deceive yourselves. If you think that you are wise in this age, you should become fools so that you may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, "He catches the wise in their craftiness," and again, "The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are futile." So let no one boast about human leaders.





For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

Here ends the Lesson.





All say together

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in you, O God my Savior, for you have looked with favor on your lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: you, the Almighty, have done great things for me, and holy is your name.





You have mercy on those who fear you from generation to generation.

You have shown strength with your arm * and scattered the proud in their conceit,

Casting down the mighty from their thrones and lifting up the lowly.





You have filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty.

You have come to the help of your servant Israel, for you have remembered your promise of mercy, The promise made to our forebears, to Abraham and his children for ever.





Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.





Luke 10: 17-20

The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Here ends the Lesson.





The Song of Simeon Nunc Dimittis

All say together

Lord, you now have set your servant free to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, whom you have prepared for all the world to see:
A Light to enlighten the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.





The Song of Simeon Nunc Dimittis

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.





The Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.





The Apostle's Creed

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.





The Apostle's Creed

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.





Officiant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Officiant Let us pray.





Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.





And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.





Officiant That this evening may be holy, good, and

peaceful,

People We entreat you, O Lord.

Officiant That your holy angels may lead us in paths of

peace and goodwill,





Officiant That we may be pardoned and forgiven for our

sins and offenses.

People We entreat you, O Lord.

Officiant That there may peace to your Church and to the

whole world,





Officiant That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before the great

judgement seat of Christ,





Officiant That we may be bound together by your Holy

Spirit in the communion of blessed Paul, blessed

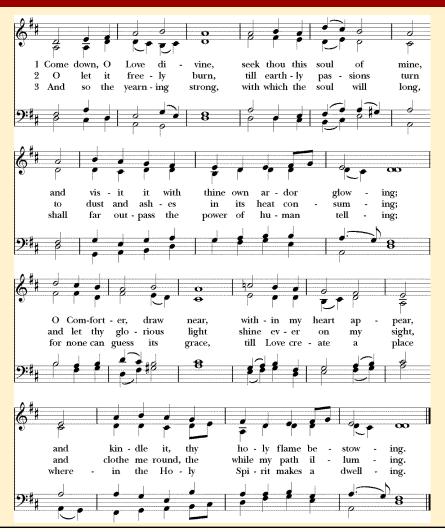
Columba and all your saints, entrusting one

another and all our life to Christ,





Come down, O love divine







The Homily

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Bishop Perry





Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

The Intercessor then offers
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A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty GOD, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them:

Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.





The Grace

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The Officiant then concludes with The Grace





Organ Voluntary

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Prelude in G Major, BWV 541 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Recorded in a service in the Cathedral on April 30, 2017 and was played by Canon Jeremy David Tarrant





Organ Voluntary

Assistants in Worship

Officiant – The Rev'd Vicki K. Hesse
Psalmist – Cedric Flounory
Lectors – Joyce Holden and Amber Nicole Barnes
Intercessor – The Rev'd Judith Schellhammer
Homilist – The Right Rev'd Dr. Bonnie A. Perry







Welcome The Rev. Vicki K Hesse Director, Whitaker Institute





Congratulations! Exploring Your Spiritual Journey







Janet Ray

Exploring Your Spiritual Journey

Favorite Bible Verse:

I pray that out of God glorious riches, our God may strengthen you with power through God's Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the God's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. (Ephesians 3:16-19)







Barbara Scoville

Exploring Your Spiritual Journey

Favorite Bible Verse:

....the kingdom of God is among you.

(Luke 17:21)







Cam Walker

Exploring Your Spiritual Journey

Favorite Bible Verse:

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

(Ephesians 3:20-21)





Congratulations! Saturday Series: Year of the Bible







Jenny Darrah

Saturday Series: Year of the Bible

Favorite Bible Verse:

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

(Jeremiah 29:11)







Jerry Hardy

Saturday Series: Year of the Bible

Favorite Bible Verse:

Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor.

(Romans 12:10)







Charles Parker

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Favorite Bible Verse:

But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. (1 Corinthians 12:24b-26)





Graduate Recognition from our Sponsors



Congratulations to all of this year's graduates! Jerry Hardy, congratulations on completing the "Year of the Bible" course. Your Cathedral Community is so proud of your lifelong commitment to deepening your faith and knowledge, and for your heart to live and to share it with others.

(Cathedral Church of St. Paul - Detroit, The Very Rev. Scott Hunter)

Congratulations to all Whitaker graduates from St. Stephen's Wyandotte. May you spread the fire of God's love throughout the world! (The Very Rev. Andrea Morrow)





Congratulations to the graduates and all who are enriching their knowledge to care for God's people! From Rev. Paula Miller and the people of St. Michael and All Angels, Lincoln Park

Congratulations! Saturday Series: Year of Theology and Ethics







Tim Flynn

Saturday Series: Year of Theology and Ethics

Favorite Bible Verse:

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 8:38-39)







Tim Flynn

Saturday Series: Certificate in Theological Studies

Favorite Bible Verse:

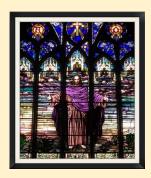
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We celebrate with you, Tim, on this incredible achievement! We rejoice in your willingness to respond to God's call to ordained ministry. We offer our prayers of encouragement, love and strength for your continued journey. We entrust you to God and know that you are well-prepared for the challenges and joys of your ministry ahead. Many blessings to you and yours. Your St. Paul's brothers and sisters in Christ. (The Rev. Karen Lewis)

Congratulations to all of us! With God's help we will accomplish great things to the glory of the Lord.
(Barbara Scoville, St. Clare of Assisi Episcopal Church, Ann Arbor)





God bless you. Continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord. God's peace be with you always. (St. Matthew's & St. Joseph's - Detroit, Unah Matu-Ngare)

Congratulations! Lay Preacher Licensure







Charles Parker

Lay Preacher Licensure

Favorite Bible Verse:

But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. (1 Corinthians 12:24b-26)







Jenny Darrah

Lay Preacher Licensure

Favorite Bible Verse:

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

(Jeremiah 29:11)





Congratulations! Worship Leader Licensure New and Renewals September 2019 Howell Class







Pamela Blumhardt

Worship Leader Licensure

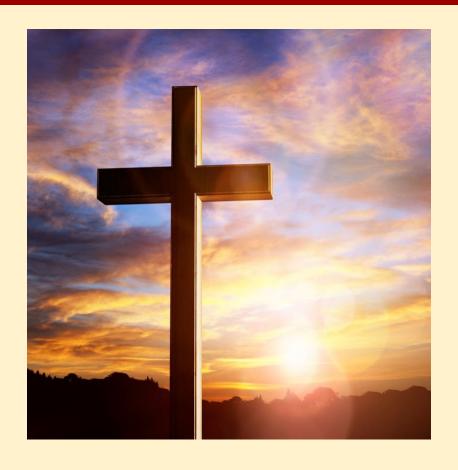
Favorite Bible Verse:

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord.

(Romans 12:9-11)





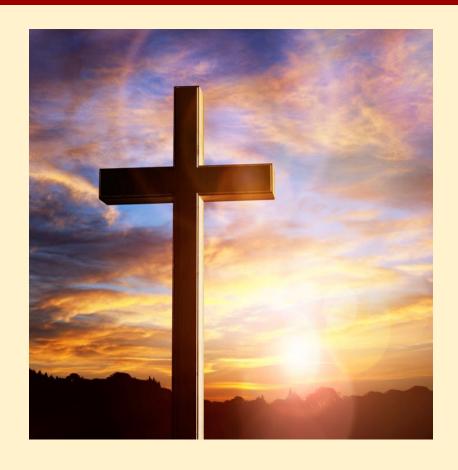


John Buehner

Worship Leader Licensure







Reavis "Rev" Graham

Worship Leader Licensure







Dan Heini

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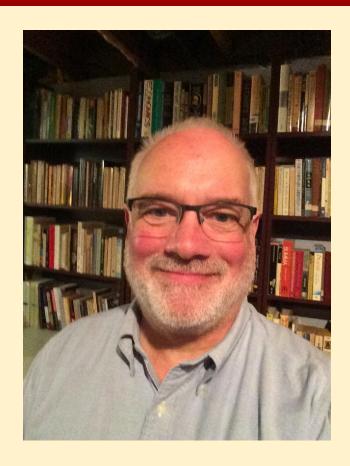
Favorite Bible Verse:

Though I walk through the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

(Psalm 23)







Richard Hutchinson

Worship Leader Licensure

Favorite Bible Verse:

There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

(Galatians 3:28)







Beth Marshall

Worship Leader Licensure

Favorite Bible Verse:

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and all thy might.

(Deuteronomy 6:5)







Gary Marshall

Worship Leader Licensure

Favorite Bible Verse:

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

(John 3:16)

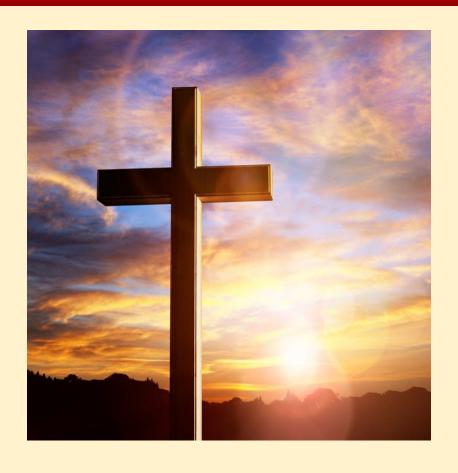




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The Rev. Rae Lee Baxter

Worship Leader Licensure







Jenny Darrah

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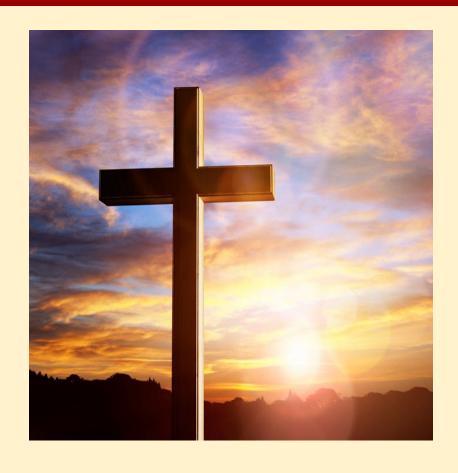
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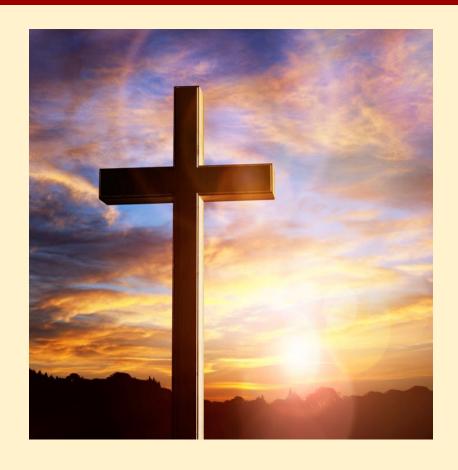


Kimberly Kaas

Worship Leader Licensure







Lyn Shoquist







Lisa West-Gorman

Worship Leader Licensure

Favorite Bible Verse (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

- a time to be born, and a time to die;
- a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;
- a time to kill, and a time to heal;
- a time to break down, and a time to build up;
- a time to weep, and a time to laugh;
- a time to mourn, and a time to dance;
- a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together;
- a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing;
- a time to seek, and a time to lose;
- a time to keep, and a time to throw away;
- a time to tear, and a time to sew;
- a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;
- a time to love, and a time to hate;
- a time for war, and a time for peace.





Congratulations! Worship Leader Licensure New and Renewals November 2019 Brighton Class







Tom Ferguson

Worship Leader Licensure

Favorite Bible Verse:

He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

(Micah 6:8)







Tish Germain

Worship Leader Licensure

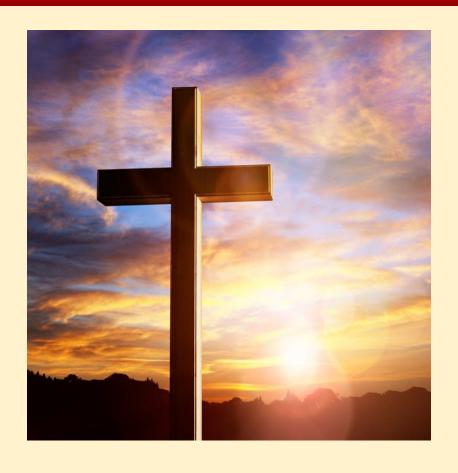
Favorite Bible Verse:

Turn to me and have mercy on me; strengthen me and save me, because I serve you just as my mother did...

(Psalm 86:16)



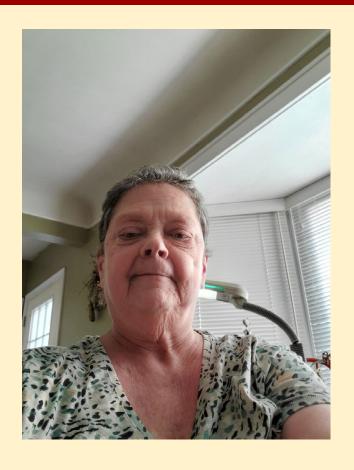




Russell Hiatt







Joyce Holden

Worship Leader Licensure

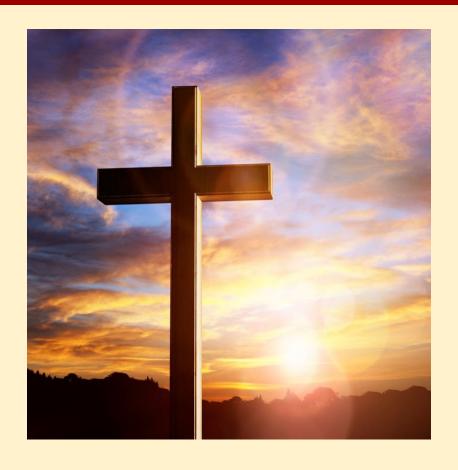
Favorite Bible Verse:

Be strong and courageous; don't be discouraged or dismayed; for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

(Joshua 1:9)



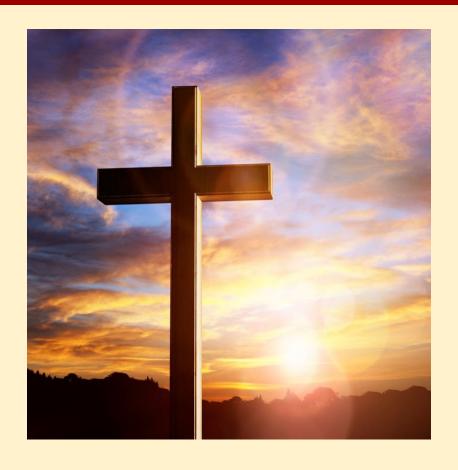




Dianne Salisbury



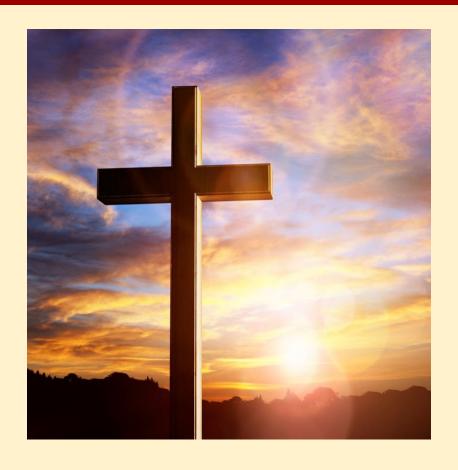




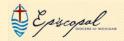
Pamela Sherry







Wendy Wahn

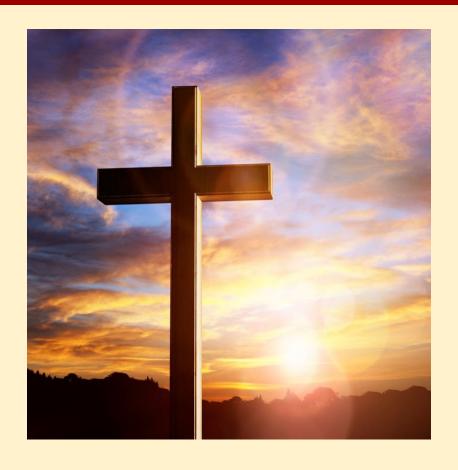




Congratulations! Worship Leader Licensure New and Renewals November 2019 Wyandotte Class







Jennifer Bastin







Erica Benson

Worship Leader Licensure

Favorite Bible Verse:

Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love.

(John 15:4,9)







Tom Benson

Worship Leader Licensure

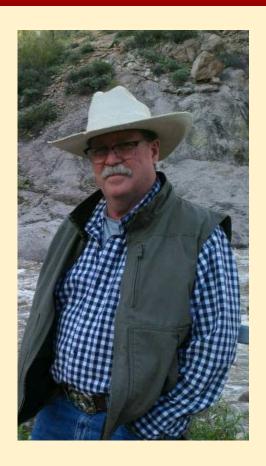
Favorite Bible Verse:

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

(Matthew 5:9)







John Bishop

Worship Leader Licensure

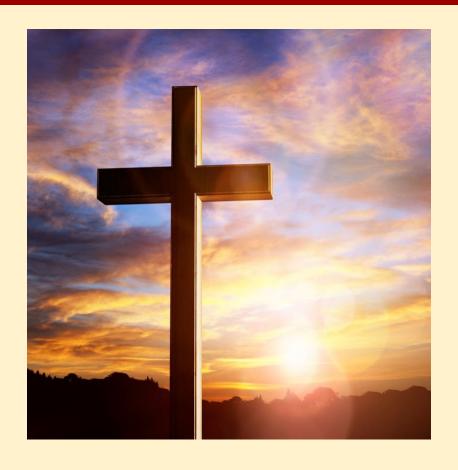
Favorite Bible Verse:

Master, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he was born blind? Jesus answered, Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him.

(John 9:2b-3)







Patti Bushway







Bruce Cable

Worship Leader Licensure

Favorite Bible Verse:

Those of steadfast mind you keep in peace—in peace because they trust in you.

(Isaiah 26:3)







MaryLou Cartwright

Worship Leader Licensure

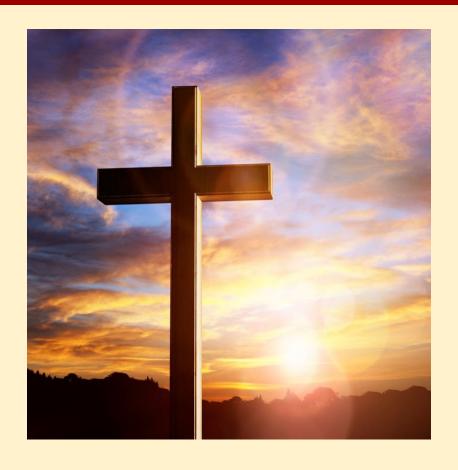
Favorite Bible Verse:

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

(Isaiah 40:31)







Tracey Clinton







Jon Crane

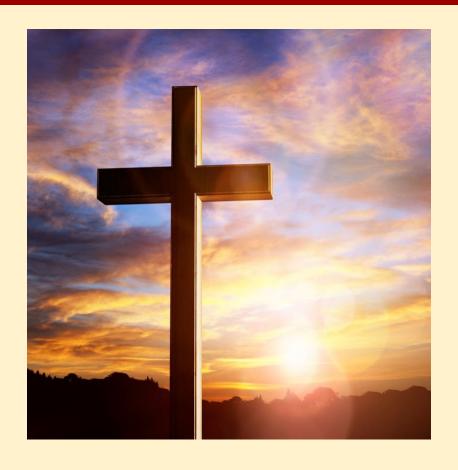
Worship Leader Licensure

Favorite Bible Verse:

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. (1 John 1:1-4)



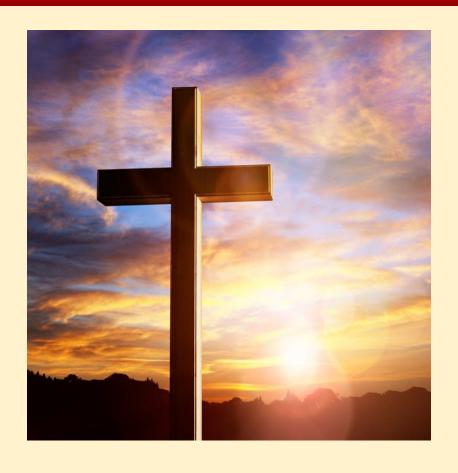




Ray Gunther



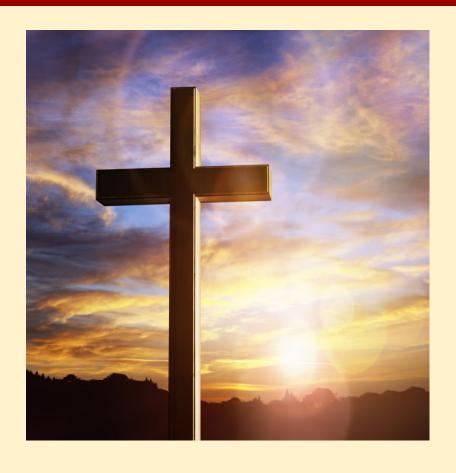




Jim Holubka







Sue Natale

Worship Leader Licensure

Favorite Bible Verse:

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? (Matthew 6:25-26)







Charles Parker

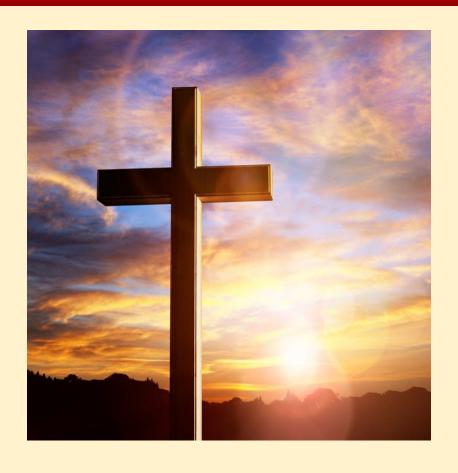
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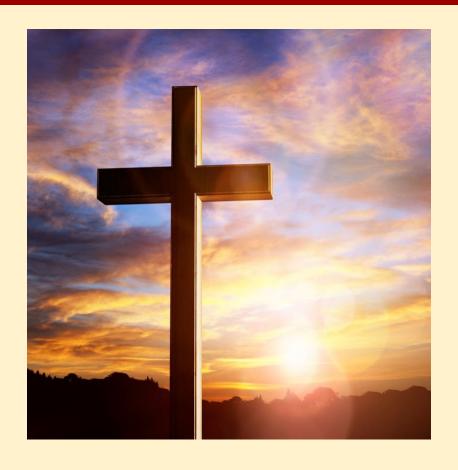




Pam Wagner







Judy Williams





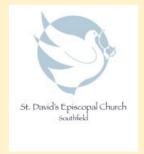
Graduate Recognition from our Sponsors



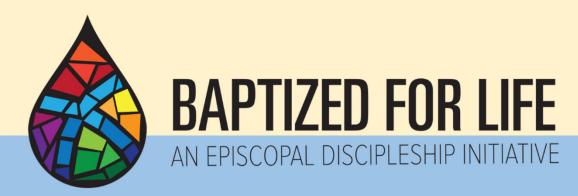
Congratulations to all of this years graduates!
(St. James' Episcopal Church - Grosse Ile, Jim Holubka)

In celebration of the great work of the Whitaker Institute. (St. Paul's Episcopal Church - Lansing, Dr. Timothy Flynn)





May the Lord bless and keep you. (St. David's Episcopal Church - Southfield, The Very Rev. Chris Yaw)



A heartfelt congratulations to this year's Whitaker Institute graduates from Baptized for Life (BFL) – a 5-year collaborative initiative between Lifelong Learning at Virginia Theological Seminary and eighteen congregations across seven Episcopal dioceses. BFL fosters discipleship practices through which individuals grow more confident in their baptismal identity – their unique Christian callings. We are proud to have three congregations from the Diocese of Michigan participating: Christ Church, Dearborn; St. Barnabas Church, Chelsea; and Trinity Church, Belleville.

Kim Arakawa, Project Coordinator & Evangelist - Baptized for Life







Trinity, Belleville

Baptized for Life: Friday Fill-Up

Favorite Bible Verse:

Carry one another's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

(Galatians 6:2)







Jan Schubring, John Trace, Lynn Arnold, Cynthia Wentworth, (Maggie Perrone- Veriditas Trained Labyrinth Facilitator) Jan Varady, Kathy O'Connell

St. Barnabas, Chelsea

Baptized for Life: Labyrinth



Where the labyrinth will live!







Top left: Baptized for Life Team L-R: Terri Pilarski, Pete Kenney, Felicity Thompson, Halim Shukair (missing - Stephanie Mulkern and Caroline Antonuccio). Top right: Saad preparing one of our meals and then in the bottom left, describing what is in the food. Bottom right: Participants from Christ Church and Mother of the Savior listening to a presentation on food and culture. Our BfL project is focused on deepening the relationship component of the Partnership in Faith between Mother of the Savior and Christ Church.

Christ Episcopal Church Mother of The Savior Church, Dearborn

Baptized for Life: Partnership of Faith

The Baptized for Life Prayer: Loving God, through the waters of baptism you draw us out of the captivity of sin and death into the freedom of new life in Christ, as a beloved community of disciples. By the grace of this sacrament, empower us, we pray, to bear witness to your love in our lives, and to carry on Christ's work of healing and reconciliation in the world, rejoicing to know that we are marked as Christ's own forever. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.





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May you all continue to spread the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. This is a wonderful moment in your life. (Cedric Flounory, St. Clement's, Inkster)



Special Recognition for Activating Lifelong Learning







The Rev. Eric Williams

2019 Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Favorite Bible Verse:

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

(Colossians 3:16)







The Very Rev. Chris Yaw

Whitaker Institute Online School

Favorite Bible Verse:

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

(Colossians 3:17)





The Whitaker Institute Servant Leader Award







The Rev. Judith Schellhammer

2020 Servant Leader Award Recipient!

Favorite Bible Verse:

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

(Micah 6:8)





